

## SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT NIGHT OUT 2004 TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR NIGHT OUT

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find the materials you will need for this year's **Night Out Against Crime**. Your registration form, master copies of the invitations

to your neighborhood event and a master copy of your street closure signs are all included. This will be the only mailing sent out this year.

Night out Posters, printed invitations and printed street closure signs are not available to be sent out to you this year. However, all of the master copies that are enclosed can be downloaded from our web site.

Registration Form: This form needs to be filled out and returned before July 20, 2004. When you mail in your registration this year, you will be mailing it directly to the Police

Precinct that serves your neighborhood. This year all Night Out registrations will be handled by the Crime Prevention Coordinator in your Precinct. If you want to register on-line, you can do so at the Seattle Police Department web site at www.seattle.gov/police and follow the directions provided. Upon receipt of this form, your block will officially be registered for Night Out. Registered blocks will be granted their street closure requests (see "Street Closures" on page 2). Information on registered blocks is shared with the Fire Department so they are aware of streets that will be closed (see Fire Department information on page 3).

## BLOCK WATCH & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

On May 2nd, at approximately 9:00 PM many of us watched the Space Needle crumble into a mass of concrete and steel. Thankfully, it was a silly made for

TV movie that was intended to dramatize what would happen in the event of a massive earthquake. While the "experts" have reassured us that the movie was highly unscientific and unlikely, the very true possibility of some type of disaster striking cannot be denied.

Because of that "very real possibility", Mayor Greg Nickels has made it a goal and a priority to make "Seattle the most prepared city in America". As we did last year, we are partnering with our Emergency Management collegues to promote the SDART Program at this year's Night Out events.



SDART (Seattle Disaster Aid and Response Teams) operates on the same principles as the Block Watch Program. The Police Department's goal is to have every Block Watch become part of the SDART program. This would allow neighbors to not only help each other reduce their likelihood of being a victim of crime, but also help in preparing for emergencies. In a major disaster it is vital for you and your neighbors to be prepared and to work together.

During Night Out you might want to ask those attending if they are interested in this program. The Crime Prevention Coordinators assigned to your neighborhood have been trained in emergency preparedness and are available to meet with you and your neighbors to begin

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Invitations: Master copies for two invitations are included in this newsletter. The first one is titled "Let's Get Together" and should be distributed to your neighbors as soon as possible. The second one is titled "Event Reminder Notice" and should be distributed the week before Night Out.

Street Closure: You will need to make at least four copies of the street closure sign which should be posted the weekend before Night Out.

Due to the large number of registrations received by Coordinators, you will not receive verification upon receipt of your registration. Unless it is returned, assume that it has been received and your block is registered.

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your involvement in the SDART (pronounced "start") program. If your neighborhood is interested in setting up a meeting, contact your Coordinator and they will work with you to get a meeting scheduled.

### Please Note

If you plan live music during your Night Out Activities, please be considerate of other neighbors and consider having "unplugged" music instead of "amplified music. The surrounding neighborhoods will thank you.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Here are some ideas to jazz up your Night Out Event Lawn Party - Keep it simple, pull out some lawn chairs and use the cooler for a foot stool.

**Pet Show** - Parade your pets in their favorite outfits! **Barbecue or Potluck** - Bring your favorite dish to share with your neighbors.

Make some Music - But remember to "unplug" it! Play some games - Nothing like a good game of rummy under the stars.

Have an Ice Cream Sundae Party - Especially if the icecream man can't get past the barricades.

# NIGHT OUT AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

One of the exciting things at many Night
Out events each year is the arrival of the local Fire Fighters and their Fire Truck. The opportunity for young and old members of the block to visit with the Fire Fighters and to see the equipment they use adds to the memory of

Night Out
each year.

### STREET CLOSURES

We are happy to report that fees normally assessed to close residential streets, are once again waived for this year's **Night Out** celebrations, Tuesday, August 3, 2004.

To register your street closure complete the "street closure" portion of the enclosed application. Applications received after July 20, 2004 will not be eligible. No separate phone call for a street closure is required. Emergency services will be notified so alternate access routes can be planned. Remember, all requests for street closures must be received by <u>Tuesday</u>, July 20, 2004.

The following are guidelines for neighborhoods that wish to close their streets for Night Out celebrations:

- The street to be closed may only be a single block on a residential street. No intersections or arterials may be closed. Please clearly indicate both the hundred block and street name to be closed on your registration form.
- The street must be barricaded and signed. The block must provide its own barricades (garbage cans work well).

the Block's Night Out activities and the street barricaded for a reasonable period of time for Night Out activities. Example: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- Even though the street is closed, emergency vehicles must be able to get through. Have assigned neighbors respond to each end of the street to remove barricades in case of an emergency and keep the tables to one side of the street, allowing for an open lane in the event an emergency vehicle needs access.
- Clean up and remove the barricades following your Night Out event.

This year information
on all registered Night Out
events will be sent to the Fire
Department. When not responding to
calls, your local Fire Station will try to
visit as many Night Out parties as possible. We are asking you not to call your
local Station to request they stop by, since
individual Stations could
easily be overwhelmed with
requests that they can
not meet.

# Contact Information Crime Prevention Coordinators

### **East Precinct:**

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